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SUBJ: AMERICAN-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING

REF: BUCHAREST 1013

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED WASHINGTON AGENDA FOR COMMISSION
MEETING APPROVED BY ROMANIAN EMBASSY SUBJECT TO MFT
APPROVAL.

A. INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND JOINT VENTURES

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1. JOINT VENTURE REGULATIONS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT

GUARANTEES AND FACILITIES GRANTED BY ROMANIANS
FOR U.S. FIRMS.

2. PROBLEMS OF ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING EMPLOYEE
FACILITIES

3. POSSIBLE AREAS FOR JOINT COOPERATION

4. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON WAYS TO FURTHER
DEVELOP ECONOMIC COOPERATION, INCLUDING FINANCING
AND BANKING COOPERATION

5. COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

6. TOURISM COOPERATION

B. BUSINESS FACILITATION

1. CLARIFICATION OF CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF
COMMERCIAL OFFICES

2. PROBLEMS OF ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL OFFICE

3. MARKET ACCESS

4. CONTRACT FULFILLMENT

5. FACILITIES OFFERED BY ROMANIA FOR ESTABLISHING
OFFICES

C. EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION, INCLUDING FINANCIAL
INFORMATION

D. PRESENTATION OF NEW ROMANIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF SYSTEM

E. STATUS OF TRADE LEGISLATION (INCLUDING GENERALIZED
SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP))

F. STATUS OF TRADE FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

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G. TARIFF EXEMPTIONS FOR GOODS MANUFACTURED BY JOINT
COMPANIES IN ROMANIA FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES

H. PROMOTION OF U.S.-ROMANIAN TWO-WAY TRADE

ROMANIAN REQUEST

2. THE ABOVE PROPOSED AGENDA HAS USG INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCE.

3. REFTTEL, PARA 2, RE AGENDA ITEMS SUGGESTED BY PLANNING COMMISSION COUNSELOR SMARANDESCU TO EMBASSY, A, C, D, AND F ARE SEPARATE ITEMS ON THE WASHINGTON AGENDA AND ITEMS B AND E WOULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER OUR AGENDA ITEM H. ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAD PROPOSED ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM "REVIEW OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE." IT WAS AGREED TO REMOVE IT PENDING CLARIFICATION FROM BUCHAREST AS TO WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUE THE ROMANIANS WISHED TO RAISE UNDER THIS ITEM. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CLARIFY THE PROPOSED ITEM WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE NO DISCRIMINATORY NTBS AGAINST ROMANIA. EMBASSY ALSO REQUESTED TO CLARIFY ISSUES ROMANIANS PLAN TO RAISE UNDER AGENDA ITEM A.5. "COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY."

4. SUGGESTED SCENARIO FOR MEETING FOLLOWS:

FIRST PLENARY MEETING

APRIL 11, 2:30 P.M.

I. OPENING STATEMENT BY ROMANIAN CO-CHAIRMAN MANEA MANESCU

I. SECRETARY DENT'S FORMAL RESPONSE OUTLINING THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN U.S.-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS

III. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION

IV. FORMAL AGREEMENT BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN ON AGENDA TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, THEIR COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTED ASSIGNMENT OF AGENDA TOPICS TO WORKING GROUPS

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V. MEETING OF WORKING GROUPS (APRIL 12)

FINAL PLENARY SESSION

APRIL 13 (MORNING)

VI. REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS TO THE COMMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE COMMISSION

VII. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WORKING GROUPS

VIII. FORMAL APPROVAL OF AGREED MINUTES

5. BELOW ARE SUGGESTED WORKING GROUPS AND THE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION:

WORKING GROUPS

I. INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND JOINT VENTURES

ALL ITEMS UNDER AGENDA ITEM A AND AGENDA ITEM C

II. BUSINESS FACILITATION

ALL ITEMS UNDER AGENDA ITEM B

III. GENERAL COMMERCIAL MATTERS

AGENDA ITEMS C, D, H

IV. ITEMS TO BE TAKEN UP BY SECRETARY DENT AT FIRST
PLENARY SESSION

AGENDA ITEMS E, F, AND G

THE SUGGESTED WORKING GROUPS AND THE MEETING SCENARIO HAVE
ALSO BEEN TRANSMITTED BY THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY TO BUCHAREST.

6. IN ADDITION TO LIST OF ROMANIAN MEMBERS OF COMMISSION
PASSED COMMERCE SIMULTANEOUSLY BY ROMANIANS AND U.S.
EMBASSY, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN NAMES OF ANY
OTHER OFFICIAL ROMANIAN DELEGATES TO THE COMMISSION
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MEETING.

7. SECRETARY DENT WRITING LETTER TO MANEA MANESCU
INCLUDING MEMBERS WASHDEL, PROPOSED AGENDA, AND
PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR THE COMMISSION. COPY LETTER WILL BE SENT EMBASSY
SEPTTEL. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE COMMERCE OF EMBASSY
PARTICIPANTS COMMISSION MEETING. KISSINGER

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